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Dear Mr. McCormick:

Many thanks for your note of July 19. The date of my retirement -- and also the date when I might possibly start some writing -- has been adjourned a bit, but after ten years of this job it is about time that I should help to find a successor. Hence, while my writing plans are still vague, I appreciate your thought of me in this connection.

It was an interesting bit of news you gave me about Laura Lewis' work on the Noel Field book. I shall certainly read this with the greatest of interest, and I am sorry that, for reasons you will understand, we could not be more helpful.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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